

RURAL DISTRICT OF
MARLBOROUGH & RAMSBURY

ANNUAL REPORT

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1959



EAST WILTS UNITED DISTRICTS

MARLBOROUGH M.B.

MARLBOROUGH AND RAMSBURY R.D., PEWSEY R.D., AMESBURY R.D.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Madam Chairman, My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the annual report on the public health of the District during 1959, which is in accordance with Ministry of Health Circular 1/60 dated 8th January, 1960.

Statistical information is contained in the body of the report.

It gives me great pleasure to record my appreciation of the assistance and co-operation I have received from the staff and my colleagues at all times. I am especially grateful to Miss Grace Boswell, clerk/secretary, in the East/Wilts Medical Officer of Health's Office for her invaluable assistance with the compilation of this report, more particularly on this occasion.

I have the honour to be,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

RODERICK MACKAY,
Medical Officer of Health.

25th May, 1960

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The Medical Officer of Health acts also in that capacity for the other three constituent authorities of the East Wilts Combined Districts viz., Amesbury R.D., Pewsey R.D., and Marlborough Borough, and is responsible for the public health duties imposed by statute upon his office. He holds, in addition, the appointment of assistant County Medical Officer, and in this respect carries out on behalf of the County Council duties in connection with the welfare services for which it is mainly responsible.

The Public Health Inspector carries out within the District in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health, with whose duties those of the Public Health Inspector are complementary, the statutory duties which are placed upon the authority generally in connection with the public health.

The duties of the Public Health Inspector and the Medical Officer of Health are satisfactorily integrated.

Matters of Public Health are normally dealt with by the General Purposes Committee and the Housing Committee of the District Council.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres	....	....	....	....	....	94510
Number of Parishes	....	....	....	....	....	25
Population in mid-1959 as estimated by the Registrar						
General	....	....	....	....	....	10310
Number of inhabited houses	....	....	....	....	....	3450
Number of new houses erected in 1959 :—						
By Private Enterprise	....	....	....	....	....	17
By local Authority	....	....	....	....	....	13
Rateable Value	....	....	....	....	....	£82675
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (estimated)	....	....	....	....	....	£321

VITAL STATISTICS

	M.	F.	Total
Live Births	76	83	159
Legitimate	72	80	152
Illegitimate	4	3	7
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population			18.6
Still Births	1	2	3
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births			18.5
Total Live and Still Births	77	85	162
Deaths of Infants under one year :—			
Total	—	—	—
Legitimate	—	—	—
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births			0.0
Neo-natal Mortality rate (under 4 weeks)			0.0
Early neo-natal Mortality rate (under 1 week)			0.0
Maternal Deaths			Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate			0.0
Number of Deaths from all causes	59	44	103
Death Rate per 1,000 population			9.9

NOTE :

The number of births, still-births and deaths are those registered during 1959 after adjustment has been made for inward and outward transfers.

BIRTH RATE, INFANT DEATH RATE, TOTAL DEATH RATE, 1959

	<i>Marlborough and Ramsbury R.D.</i>	<i>Administrative County</i>	<i>England and Wales</i>
Birth Rate (per 1000 popn).	18.6	18.77	16.5
Death Rate (per 1000 popn.)	9.9	10.64	11.6
Death Rate of Infants under one year per 1000 live births	0.0	20.97	22.0

PRINCIPAL VITAL STATISTICS OF THE RURAL DISTRICT, 1959

Year	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
Population	10050	10990	9940	11060	10340	10330	10450	10300	10300	10310
Live Births	171 17.0	172 15.7	180 18.1	170 15.4	172 16.6	163 15.8	171 16.4	169 16.4	160 15.5	159 15.5
Still Births	2 11.6	1 5.8	3 16.6	4 22.9	1 5.8	4 23.9	2 11.6	2 11.7	4 24.4	3 18.5
Total Deaths	125 12.4	133 12.1	114 11.5	105 9.5	104 10.1	120 11.6	107 10.2	106 10.3	115 11.2	103 10.0
Infant Deaths	3 17.6	3 17.4	2 11.1	6 35.3	1 5.8	3 18.4	4 23.4	7 41.4	3 18.7	0 0.0
Tuberculosis Deaths	2 0.2	2 0.2	3 0.3	1 0.1	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	1 0.1	0 0.0	0 0.0
Cancer Deaths	22 2.2	23 2.1	14 1.4	12 1.1	14 1.4	19 1.8	15 1.4	17 1.7	18 1.7	21 2.1
Pneumonia Deaths	8 0.8	10 0.9	8 0.8	8 0.7	3 0.3	4 0.4	4 0.4	3 0.3	4 0.4	6 0.6

N.B. The corresponding rate is given underlined together with the figure on which it is based. With the exception of the infant death rate which is calculated per 1,000 live births, and the still birth rate per 1,000 total births, the rates given above are computed per 1,000 of the population. The birth and death rates are *not corrected* in this table for area comparability.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The number of infectious disease notifications was 194, of which 108 were in respect of measles, 55 of scarlet fever, and 19 for pneumonia.

The months of greatest incidence were February (81), January (27), March (24) and August (22). There were 4 cases (3 paralytic) of poliomyelitis notified in the Rural District in 1959.

TUBERCULOSIS

There was one notification in respect of respiratory tuberculosis, and one for glandular tuberculosis.

IMMUNIZATION AND VACCINATION

These services are rendered by the County Medical Officer's department under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1949.

Immunizations against diphtheria, whooping cough and poliomyelitis are carried out at welfare clinics and at special sessions under direct control of the County Medical Officer by the County medical staff, and by general practitioners who also perform all vaccinations against smallpox.

One hundred and twenty seven primary inoculations were made against diphtheria in 1959 of which 102 were under one year of age. There were also 116 inoculations during the year against whooping cough; 98 under one year of age.

The following numbers were immunized against diphtheria during the last ten years :—

<i>Age Group (Years)</i>	<i>Year</i>										<i>Total</i>
	1950	'51	'52	'53	'54	'55	'56	'57	'58	'59	
Under 5	94	65	142	114	115	133	143	124	111	117	1158
5—15	3	25	24	13	9	26	16	20	21	10	167
Totals	97	90	166	127	124	159	159	144	132	127	1325

One hundred and twenty one infants (under one year) out of 159 live births were vaccinated in the Rural District in 1959.

Details of Water Supply, Sewerage and Food Supervision, etc., are given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1959

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Dysentery	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Food poisoning.....	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	19	27	15	3	3	11	2	20	3	4	1	-	108
Meningococcal infection	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Poliomyelitis (P.)	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Poliomyelitis (N.P.)	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	2	7	3	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	19
Scarlet Fever	5	46	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55
Whooping cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Pulmonary tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other Forms of tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Totals	27	81	24	7	8	11	2	22	3	4	1	4	194

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS), 1959

Disease	Total	Age (years)											
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65-
Dysentery	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Food poisoning	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Measles	108	1	10	10	7	17	47	11	3	1	-	1	-
Meningococcal infection	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (P.)	3	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (N.P.)	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	19	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	3	3	5	3
Scarlet fever	55	2	2	2	3	4	19	15	3	3	1	1	-
Whooping cough	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	192	5	14	14	13	21	69	26	8	7	5	7	3

CAUSES OF DEATH

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S RETURN, 1959

					M.	F.	Total
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	....	....	....	—	—	—
2	Tuberculosis, other	....	....	....	—	—	—
3	Syphilitic disease	....	....	....	—	—	—
4	Diphtheria	....	....	....	—	—	—
5	Whooping cough	....	....	....	—	—	—
6	Meningococcal infections	....	....	....	—	—	—
7	Acute poliomyelitis	....	....	....	—	—	—
8	Measles	....	....	....	—	—	—
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	....			—	—	—
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	....	....		1	—	1
11	„ „ lung bronchus	....	....		4	2	6
12	„ „ breast	....	....		—	2	2
13	„ „ uterus	....	....		—	—	—
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm				9	3	12
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	....	....	....	—	—	—
16	Diabetes	....	....	....	1	1	2
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	....			4	9	13
18	Coronary disease, angina	....	....	....	11	8	19
19	Hypertension with heart disease	....	....		1	—	1
20	Other heart disease	....	....	....	6	6	12
21	Other circulatory disease	....	....	....	6	2	8
22	Influenza	....	....	....	—	—	—
23	Pneumonia	....	....	....	2	4	6
24	Bronchitis	....	....	....	4	—	4
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	....			—	—	—
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	....			1	—	1
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	....			—	—	—
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	....	....	....	—	—	—
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	....	....	....	2	—	2
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	....	....		—	—	—
31	Congenital malformations	....	....	....	—	—	—
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	....			6	5	11
33	Motor vehicle accidents	....	....	....	—	1	1
34	All other accidents	....	....	....	—	1	1
35	Suicide	1	—	1
36	Homicide and operations of war	—	—	—
Total of all causes					59	44	103

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Madam Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my eleventh Annual Report on the activities of the Public Health Department for 1959.

Once again I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the members of my staff for their ready assistance in carrying out these duties.

I should also like to record my appreciation of the co-operation and help received from Doctor Mackay, Mr. A. G. Hunt and all the other members of the Council's staff.

*I am, Madam Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,*

KENNETH F. HUDSON,
Chief Public Health Inspector.

HOUSING

Over the past year houses have been erected in the following parishes :

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Private Houses</i>	<i>Council Houses</i>
Aldbourne	4	—
Avebury	1	—
Broad Hinton	1	—
Chilton Foliat	—	5
Froxfield	1	4
Fyfield	1	—
Mildenhall	3	—
Ogbourne St. George	1	—
Preshute	1	—
Ramsbury	1	—
Shalbourne	—	4
West Overton	3	—
Totals	17	13

The number of Council houses erected and completed during the year was three times as many as the year before. This increase was due to the recommencement of the housing programme after the Bank Rate had been reduced.

The question of modernising the older type of Council houses was considered and a phased programme adopted. It is hoped to start work early in 1960.

The number of private houses completed was up to the general average. As can be seen by the table, they were fairly well spread throughout the district.

The number of applicants on the waiting list for Council houses is 140 and the figure remains fairly constant. As stated before, the number of families without a separate home is a small percentage of that figure. Again there are a number of applications from persons residing outside the district who wish to live in this area.

SLUM CLEARANCE

The following table shows the position of the Council's Slum Clearance Programme at the end of the year.

<i>Parish</i>	<i>No. of Houses</i>	<i>No. Dealt With</i>	<i>No. of Demolition Orders</i>	<i>Houses Demolished</i>	<i>Houses used for other Purposes</i>	<i>Houses Made Fit</i>
Aldbourne	1	1	—	1	—	—
Avebury	13	13	10	10	2	1
Baydon	3	2	—	—	2	—
Berwick Bassett	1	1	1	1	—	—
Broad Hinton	—	—	—	—	—	—
Buttermere	1	1	1	1	—	—
Chilton Foliat	7	7	7	2	—	—
East Kennett	—	—	—	—	—	—
Froxfield	3	3	2	1	1	1
Fyfield	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grafton	10	10	2	8	2	—
Great Bedwyn	7	7	—	—	—	7
Ham	—	—	—	—	—	—
Little Bedwyn	3	3	—	—	2	1
Mildenhall	3	2	—	2	—	—
Ogbourne						
St. Andrew	9	9	6	—	3	—
Ogbourne						
St. George	12	12	10	3	—	—
Preshute	6	6	3	4	2	—
Ramsbury	15	12	9	6	—	3
Savernake	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shalbourne	4	4	—	1	—	3
Tidcombe and						
Fosbury	—	—	—	—	—	—
West Overton	1	1	1	1	—	—
Winterbourne						
Bassett	5	5	5	5	—	—
Winterbourne						
Monkton	5	5	5	2	—	—
Totals	109	104	62	48	14	16

Small progress has been made during 1959 but by the end of 1960 it should be completed. The original figure was 75 houses but additional properties have been added to the list.

The column "houses demolished" includes not only those demolished as a result of a Demolition Order but also those voluntarily demolished by owners without waiting for formal procedure.

HOUSING IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Further progress has been made in approving applications for Improvement Grants under the Housing Acts. The number of grants given is the usual average for the district.

Much good work has been done in improving cottages by owners taking advantage of these facilities. As stated before, the general improvement of the properties is greater than would have been the case if the grants were not available.

The following table shows the parishes where grants were given :

<i>Parish</i>	<i>No. of Houses</i>
Aldbourne	4
Avebury	2
Broad Hinton	1
Chilton Foliat	1
East Kennett	2
Froxfield	1
Great Bedwyn	2
Mildenhall	3
Ogbourne St. Andrew	1
Preshute	2
Ramsbury	9
Shalbourne	6
Tidcombe and Fosbury	8
Total	42

HOUSING SURVEY

The survey of houses in the district was continued during the year. As before, a steady improvement was noted, both in the state of repair and in the provision of amenities. In this connection it would appear from enquiries made that a further improvement can be expected through the assistance of the new Standard Grants, a number of which have already been made.

WATER SUPPLIES

There are six piped Public Water Supplies in the district.

AVEBURY SUPPLY

The scheme supplies water to the parishes of Preshute, Fyfield, West Overton, East Kennett, Avebury, Winterbourne Monkton, Berwick Bassett, Winterbourne Bassett and Broad Hinton. The pumping station is situated at Clatford and pumps the water from the lower chalk 150 feet deep to a reservoir on Totterdown. There is also a balancing tank erected at Broad Hinton. The water is chlorinated at the pumping station. The number of properties connected to the main continues to increase.

BAYDON SUPPLY

This supplies the parish of Baydon and the water is obtained in bulk from the Hungerford Rural District Council. Practically the whole of the parish is connected to the mains. The water is chlorinated at the pumping station.

BEDWYN SUPPLY

The extended scheme was completed and came into operation during the summer.

The water is pumped from two new boreholes at Little Bedwyn to an existing reservoir at Chisbury and to the new reservoir overlooking Shalbourne. The water is taken from the lower chalk and is chlorinated at the pumping station.

Water is supplied to the following villages: Chisbury, Great Bedwyn, Ham, Shalbourne, Wilton and Grafton. It is also taken over the border to a farm and several cottages at St. Katharine's in Pewsey Rural District.

Good progress is being made with connections to the new supply.

OGBOURNE SUPPLY

The water from this supply is purchased in bulk from the Swindon Corporation from their pumping station at Whitefield, Ogbourne St. George. The water is boosted to a reservoir on the downs and gravitates to the two parishes of Ogbourne St. Andrew and Ogbourne St. George and to the military camp. The majority of the properties in both parishes are connected to the mains. The water is chlorinated at Whitefields.

RAMSBURY SUPPLY

This scheme supplies water to the parishes of Aldbourne, Chilton Foliat, Froxfield, Mildenhall and Ramsbury. The water is pumped from the greensand at Ramsbury to a reservoir north of the village and is chlorinated at the pumping station.

SAVERNAKE SUPPLY

The water for this supply is purchased in bulk from the Borough of Marlborough. The main runs from the top of Postern Hill through the front of Savernake Forest to Iron Gates and supplies Savernake Hospital, two farms and several cottages. The water is chlorinated at the pumping station.

WATER SAMPLES

Samples for chemical and bacteriological examination were taken from various points on the mains and the results were as follows :

<i>Supply</i>	<i>No. of Samples Taken</i>	<i>No. of Samples Satis- factory</i>	<i>No. of Samples Slightly Unsatis- factory</i>	<i>No. of Samples Not Satis- factory</i>
Avebury	12	12	—	—
Baydon	14	13	1	—
Bedwyn	20	18	2	—
Ogbourne				
St. George	13	13	—	—
Ramsbury	14	12	2	—
Savernake	14	14	—	—
Totals	87	82	5	—

Out of 87 samples taken, five were slightly unsatisfactory and no obvious reasons for these happenings can be found. In each case, however, a further sample taken a week later was completely satisfactory.

Apart from the public supplies, further samples were taken from private sources and the owner advised when the results were not satisfactory.

The water in this area is all from chalk or greensand so there is no risk of plumbo-solvent action.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Ramsbury and Aldbourne continue to be the only villages which are sewered. It is a joint scheme with the works at Whittonditch, Ramsbury.

A large majority of houses in both villages are now connected to the sewer. In many cases the work not only includes the actual connection but additional improvements such as baths, hot water systems, etc.

A scheme for Great Bedwyn to replace and extend the existing sullage water system is well advanced. It is hoped to make an early start.

In December the Council were given a list of other villages which required sewers but consideration was adjourned until further information was obtained.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Household refuse is removed fortnightly from all parishes with the exception of a few isolated premises. It is collected from the side of the road and taken to two refuse tips, one at Knowle and the other at Bridge Farm. By the end of the year Bridge Farm tip was filled and returned to the owner. A new tip in this area is being sought to avoid long hauls. Every endeavour is made to cover the refuse in a proper manner but difficulties are found in obtaining sufficient covering material. The maximum use is made of the ashes in the refuse for this purpose.

A Dennis 18 cubic yard Paxit Refuse Collector is used for the collection and this is found to be very satisfactory in a scattered district. A driver and three men carry out the collection and disposal.

SALVAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The collection of salvage takes place at the same time as the household refuse, once every fortnight.

The amount of waste paper collected and baled was approximately one and a half tons less than the previous year. Still, I consider this is a good average result. Apart from the lower weight the price of the waste paper was lowered by £1 per ton.

Seventeen and a quarter tons of ferrous metals were sold during the year, a slight increase on the previous one. The value of this article fell to a low level early in the year, but increased in value later on. There is little profit in this metal but its removal from the tip greatly assists consolidation.

The following table shows the quantity of salvage collected and the price received for the years 1958 to 1959.

	1958								1959							
	Weight				Value				Weight				Value			
	T	C	Q	LB	£	s.	d.		T	C	Q	LB	£	s.	d.	
Paper	89	4	0	0	663	3	3		87	16	2	0	567	10	6	
Rags		15	2	24	13	8	9			14	0	8	11	19	2	
Scrap																
Iron	16	11	3	0	66	7	0		17	4	1	19	43	17	6	
Totals	106	11	1	24	742	19	0		105	14	3	27	623	7	2	

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION

Twenty-four farmers are receiving regular treatments for the destruction of rats and mice on their farms and this service is working satisfactorily.

The following table gives a guide to the visits made during 1959 :

	<i>Local Author- ities</i>	<i>Private Prop- erties</i>	<i>Farms</i>	<i>Business Prop- erties</i>	<i>Total</i>
No. of inspec- tions made	85	1420	340	159	2004
No. of properties inspected	17	1379	214	126	1736
No. of Properties Infested by rats	6	333	47	28	414
No. of Properties Infested by mice	—	23	3	7	33
No. of Treat- ments	34	356	78	35	503
Total No. of Visits made under the Damage by Pests Act, 1949					4016

FACTORIES ACT

No. of Inspections — 25.

Bakehouses	....	....	....	....	6
Butchers	....	....	....	....	4
Builders' Yards	....	....	....	....	7
Garages	....	....	....	....	7
Others....	....	....	....	....	3
					—
					27
					—

There are 27 factories in the district, none of them large. They are kept in general conformity with the Factories Act, 1937.

TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

There are three licensed sites and sixteen individual caravans licensed for twelve months. Two of the three sites are occupied regularly while the third is used during the summer for holiday visitors mainly. All the sites are kept in a good condition.

FOOD

FOOD PREMISES

The following table shows the type and number of food premises in the district :

<i>Type of Business</i>	
Bakehouses	7
Butchers	6
Cafes	7
Caterers (Licensed)	4
Confectioners	7
Fishmongers	1
Greengrocers	1
Grocers	41
Public Houses	27
Others	4
Total	106

REGISTERED PREMISES

No. of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the sale of ice-cream	37
<i>(Note : These are all registered for the retail of pre-packed ice-cream only)</i>	
No. of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the manufacture of preserved foods	7
<i>(Note : All premises engaged in the manufacture of sausages only)</i>	
No. of dairies registered under the Milk and Dairy Regulations 1949-54	6
No. of Distributors registered under the Milk and Dairy Regulations 1949-54	7
Dealer's Licences for Tuberculin Tested Milk	10
Dealer's Licences for Pasteurised Milk	11
Dealer's Licences for Sterilised Milk	2
Supplementary Licences for Tuberculin Tested Milk	6
Supplementary Licences for Pasteurised Milk	6
Supplementary Licences for Sterilised Milk	2

INSPECTION OF PREMISES

No. of visits to :

(a)	Bakehouses	25
(b)	Butcher's Shops	28
(c)	Cafes, etc.	37
(d)	Other food premises	228

The majority of food premises in this district are small village shops selling mainly pre-packed foods. During the year there was a considerable increase in the quantity of frozen foods being sold in these shops. In certain cases a tendency to overfill display cabinets was observed and in shops lacking in space and the capital to purchase additional deep freeze cabinets, this tendency is likely to increase.

During the year a small turkey killing station in the district was expanded and modernised to include the evisceration, deep freezing and packing of birds. The owner has co-operated fully with the local authority throughout.

The standard of food hygiene in the district has been maintained and there is some evidence that food handlers are becoming more conscious of their responsibilities.

INSPECTION OF FOOD

MEAT

The occupiers of the two slaughterhouses at Great Bedwyn and Aldbourne gave notice of their intention not to re-apply for a licence and the slaughterhouses were not used during the year. All butchers in the district have found for some time that adequate facilities exist at the Swindon abattoir from which all future meat supplies will be obtained.

CONDEMNED FOOD

46 lb. forequarter beef
55 lb. hindquarter beef

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Decomposition

MILK SAMPLING

The following table shows the number of routine samples taken during the year.

<i>Designation</i>	<i>Standard Test</i>		<i>Biological</i>	
	<i>Satis- factory</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory</i>	<i>Satis- factory</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory</i>
Designated Raw	41	5	52	—
Pasteurised/ Sterilised	89	—	11	—
Totals	130	5	63	—

All designated raw milk is submitted for both the standard and biological tests, including the Ring Test for Br. abortus, while Pasteurised milk is submitted quarterly for biological examination. Of 52 samples to which the Ring Test was applied, eleven were positive. These were from two T.T. herds, the milk from which was being sold raw. In one herd positive samples were obtained shortly after some of the cows in the herd had been vaccinated with S.19 vaccine. None of these was confirmed by biological examination. Samples obtained from individual cows in the other herd, however, did reveal that one cow was excreting live Br. abortus in the milk. The cow was removed and subsequent samples proved to be satisfactory.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR 1959

Bakehouses	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	25
Butcher's Shops	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	28
Cafes, etc.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	37
Council House Enquiries	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	31
Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order 1957	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5
Drainage	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	316
Factories	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	25
Food Premises....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	228
Housing and Housing Improvement Grants	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1200
Infectious Diseases	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	105
Milk Samples	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	146
Milk and Dairies	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	14
New Buildings....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	99
Nuisances	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	37
Petroleum	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	283
Rats and Mice — Inspections and Treatments	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2507
Refuse Collection	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	79
Slaughterhouses	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5
Tents, Vans and Sheds	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	55
Town Planning	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	55
Water Supply ....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	13
Water Samples	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	95
Unclassified	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	72
								5460

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

<i>Premises</i> (1)	<i>Number on Register</i> (2)	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspections</i> (3)	<i>Written Notices</i> (4)	<i>Occupiers prosecuted</i> (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities*	2	2	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	25	23	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority§ (excluding out - workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	27	25	—	—

2—Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

<i>Particulars</i> (1)	<i>Number of cases in which defects were found</i>				<i>Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted</i> (6)
	<i>Found</i> (2)	<i>Remedied</i> (3)	<i>Referred To H.M. Inspector</i> (4)	<i>Referred By H.M. Inspector</i> (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	1	1	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—

* To prevent any differences between the lists kept respectively by the Local Authorities and H.M. Inspectors of Factories of the numbers of factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of the Factories Act, 1937, are enforced by Local Authorities, it is requested that Local Authorities should compare their lists of factories with the lists kept by H.M. Inspectors of Factories.

§ i.e. Electrical Stations (Section 103/1), Institutions (Section 104) and sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108).

<i>Particulars</i> (1)	<i>Number of cases in which defects were found</i>				<i>Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted</i> (6)
	<i>Found</i> (2)	<i>Remedied</i> (3)	<i>Referred To H.M. Inspector</i> (4)	<i>By H.M. Inspector</i> (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2	1	—	—	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT
Outwork
(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 110 (1)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole some premises	Notices served	Prose- cutions
	(c) (2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing } Making apparel } etc. } Cleaning } and } Washing	2	—	—	—	—	—
Household linen						
Lace, lace curtain and nets						
Curtains and furni- ture hangings						
Furniture and upholstery						
Electro-plate						
File making						
Brass and brass articles						
Fur pulling						
Iron and steel cables and chains						
Iron and steel anchors and grapnels						
Cart gear						
Locks, latches & keys						
Umbrellas, etc.						
Artificial flowers						
Nets, other than wire nets						
Tents						

PART VIII OF THE ACT (CONTINUED)

Outwork

(Sections 110 and 111)

<i>Nature of Work</i>	<i>Section 110</i>			<i>Section 111</i>		
	<i>No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 110 (1)</i>	<i>No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council</i>	<i>No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists</i>	<i>No. of instances of work in unwhole some premises</i>	<i>Notices served</i>	<i>Prose- cutions</i>
	(c) (2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Sacks						
Racquet & tennis balls						
Paper bags	—	—	—	—	—	—
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper						
Brush making						
Pea picking						
Feather sorting						
Carding, etc., or buttons, etc.						
Stuffed toys						
Basket making						
Chocolates and sweetmeats						
Cosaques, Christmas stockings, etc.						
Textile weaving						
Lampshades						
Total	2	—	—	—	—	—

